

ADOPTED 2005 BUDGET

DEPT: ETHICS BOARD

UNIT NO. 1905
FUND: General - 0001

OPERATING AUTHORITY & PURPOSE

On February 11, 1975, the County Board of Supervisors created Chapter 9 of the Milwaukee County Ordinances. This chapter establishes a Code of Ethics (Section 9.05) and an Ethics Board (Section 9.07) which shall adopt guidelines and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of the ordinance. The Board consists of six residents of Milwaukee County appointed by the County

Executive and confirmed by the County Board. The County Executive appoints, subject to confirmation by the County Board, an Executive Director who shall perform such duties as the Board assigns to him/her. The County Board shall provide such additional personnel as may be required in the administration of this chapter.

BUDGET SUMMARY			
	2003 Actual	2004 Budget	2005 Budget
Ethics Board	\$ 38,723	\$ 45,173	\$ 57,817

MISSION

The Milwaukee County Ethics Board assures compliance with the requirements of the Ethics Code pursuant to Chapter 9, Milwaukee County Ordinances, and reviews, investigates and hears, as needed, all verbal and written complaints of ethics code violations.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- The \$57,817 appropriation represents an increase of \$12,644 over 2004. This increase is primarily attributed to \$5,000 for legal fees in the event that the Ethics Board would need to seek outside legal services for any potential ethics violations. The remaining \$7,644 of the increase is for two mailings to County employees. The purpose of the mailings is to inform County employees of the Ethics Code.
- Approximately \$42,000 of the \$57,817 budget represents 25% of the salary, social security and fringe benefit costs of the Executive Secretary of the Personnel Review Board, who also functions as Executive Director of the Ethics Board, and the Administrative Assistant.

- All departments are required to operate within their expenditure appropriations and their overall budgets. Pursuant to Section 59.60(12), Wisconsin Statutes, "No payment may be authorized or made and no obligation incurred against the county unless the county has sufficient appropriations for payment. No payment may be made or obligation incurred against an appropriation unless the director first certifies that a sufficient unencumbered balance is or will be available in the appropriation to make the payment or to meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. An obligation incurred and an authorization of payment in violation of this subsection is void. A county officer who knowingly violates this subsection is jointly and severally liable to the county for the full amount paid. A county employee who knowingly violates this subsection may be removed for cause."